

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-7 (TF-02-424) (TF-02-425)
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFFS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,  
AND REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

(Issued August 14, 2002)

On July 15, 2002, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed gas tariffs, identified as TF-02-424 and TF-02-425. In TF-02-424, IPL is proposing a temporary increase that would produce additional revenue of approximately \$18,640,899. In TF-02-425, IPL is proposing a permanent annual revenue increase of approximately \$20,070,773, or an overall annual revenue increase of 7.2 percent. This represents an average increase of 8.6 percent for residential customers in IPL's IES Northern Zone, an average increase of 12.4 percent in IPL's IES Southern Zone, an average increase of 7.1 percent in IPL's Mason City Zone, and an average increase of 6.0 percent in IPL's Clinton Zone. To allow the Board time to fully consider the proposed increase, the proposed tariffs will be docketed as a formal proceeding identified as Docket No. RPU-02-7.

Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(16), the Board will schedule consumer comment hearings to allow customers to comment on the proposed rate increase. The time and location of those meetings will be established by separate order.

In its application, IPL requests the Board allow electronic filings in a different format than prescribed by 199 IAC 7.2(12). IPL requests permission to file compact disks instead of 3.5-inch disks due to the volume of the files and permission to file Excel and Word files instead of ASCII and Lotus 1-2-3 formatted files. IPL states that these formats are standard software programs for most computer applications. IPL requests Board approval to use these alternate formats.

The Board has considered IPL's request and finds that it is reasonable. The formats used by IPL are widespread and readily accessible. The Board will grant IPL's request.

A review of the information filed by IPL in compliance with 199 IAC 7.4(6)"e" indicates that IPL has not provided the Form 10Qs required by 199 IAC 7.4(6)"e"(17). IPL will be required to file this information.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of Interstate Power and Light Company's proposed gas tariffs, identified as TF-02-424 and TF-02-425. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-02-7, a formal contested case proceeding. The expenses reasonably attributable to this

investigation shall be assessed to Interstate Power and Light Company in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.

2. Proposed tariff filings TF-02-424 and TF-02-425 are suspended.
3. The following procedural schedule is established:
  - a. Applications to intervene shall be filed within 20 days of the date of this order.
  - b. The parties shall notify the Utilities Board prior to December 9, 2002, if they desire a prehearing conference.
  - c. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with the underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before October 27, 2002. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.
  - d. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, they may file rebuttal testimony on or before November 16, 2002.
  - e. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before November 30, 2002.

f. Consumer Advocate and any intervenor shall file rebuttal testimony on any issue raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party on or before January 11, 2003.

g. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before February 1, 2003.

h. All parties, which choose to file a prehearing brief, may do so on or before February 7, 2003.

i. A hearing shall be held beginning at 10 a.m. on February 17, 2003, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Iowa Utilities Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

j. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before March 17, 2003.

k. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before March 31, 2003.

4. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

5. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination, which have not been previously filed, shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file an original and six copies of the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

6. The request of Interstate Power and Light Company to file electronic filings in a different format than required in 199 IAC 7.2(12) is granted.

7. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file Form 10Qs as required by 199 IAC 7.4(6)"e"(17) within ten days of the effective date of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.